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For Immediate Release:

EIU GREEKS INVITE COMMUNITY TO GREEK SING, OTHER GREEK WEEK EVENTS

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University's 51st annual Greek Sing – the largest amateur choral competition in the Midwest – will help kick off this year's Greek Week celebration.

Members of approximately 15 of the university's fraternities and sororities will compete in formal and informal categories, producing five top finishers. Tickets for the event, set to begin at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 7, in Lantz Arena, are \$8 for floor seating and \$5 for balcony seating. All profits will go to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Greek Sing is held to unite the Greek community at the start of the week as fraternal organizations prepare to compete in games of scholarly and athletic skill and prowess throughout the days that follow. Influenced by the Olympic games, the theme of this year's Greek Week is "Let the Games Begin!"

Also planned for this weekend is an Airband competition (7 p.m. Saturday, April 6, in Lantz Arena), in which fraternities and sororities perform combination dance and lip sync routines. Tickets to this event, which also includes the coronation of Greek Week royalty, also cost \$8 for floor seating and \$5 for balcony seating.

Other events, which are open free of charge to the public eye, are as follows:

- ◆ Monday, April 8: Tugs (little men competition, followed by women and big men), 4 p.m., Campus Pond.
- ◆ Tuesday, April 9: Collegiate Bowl (first round), 6 to 11 p.m., Coleman Auditorium;

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Pyramids, 4 p.m., Campus Pond; Canoe Races, immediately following pyramids, Campus Pond.

- ◆ Wednesday, April 10: Unity Event Bowling and Billiards, 9 p.m., University Union Bowling Alley; Tugs (little men competition, followed by big men), 4 p.m., Campus Pond.
- ◆ Thursday, April 11: Obstacle Course, 4 p.m., Campus Pond.
- ◆ Friday, April 12: Tugs (little men competition, followed by women and big men), 3 p.m., Campus Pond.
- ◆ Saturday, April 13: Tugs Finals, 2 p.m., Campus Pond.

Additional events taking place throughout the week include Fun Day at Jefferson School (Thursday, April 11), where as many as 200 members of Eastern's Greek population will alternate spending time during the day with the school's fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders, making crafts to present to the patients at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

For details about Greek Sing or other Greek Week events, contact the EIU Student Life Office at (217) 581-3829., or visit the Greek Week Web site at <http://www.eiu.edu/~greekwk> .

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